

CREEKSIDE INSIDER

A Note From Your Principal...

Greetings to all Creekside Park Families;

Welcome to December! I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving filled with food, family and friends! The bustling holiday season is upon us. We are hoping to keep the students on task as much as possible in the two three weeks. It is a challenging feat indeed! The minds of young children tend to wander to all that the holiday season has to offer.

November was a quick and busy month for the staff and students at Creekside.

The cold weather is here and the snow is too. Please be sure that your children come to school prepared to go outside for their recess. Students WILL be going outside as often as possible. Students will not be allowed to stay indoors because they are not properly dressed, so please have coats, hats, mittens, snow pants and winter boots ready each night, for an easy transition in the morning!! Also, please check the "Lost & Found" boxes/ racks for any missing items. The inventory is growing faster day by day!!

Another piece to the winter arrival is the chance for snow days. As much as the kids (and maybe a few teachers) pray for them, Mother Nature is the one in control. If the forecast calls for bad weather, please be sure to tune in to local radio or television stations in the morning anytime between 6am-8am so that you will be aware of any delays, early closings or cancellations that may be made. Notices are issued as early as possible by the Superintendent after consultation with the highway department and the bus company. The district's phone messenger system will be used to send a phone message, but with all of the calls, it may not be the timeliest method of contact. This is one of the trickiest decisions that our Superintendent has to make. It is difficult to make the call that is the safest for our students and staff, while trying not to cancel school unnecessarily. Please know that it is made with safety as the primary concern.

A couple of other things...

REMINDER....Please send in a note, or at the very least, call the office if your child is going to be dismissed early or in a different manner than usual so that teachers, bus drivers, and duty personnel can plan accordingly.

Give the gift of your time this holiday season. Parents can continue to be an active participant and help with their children's education by maintaining a good routine of checking homework and folders daily and keeping track of assignments that are due. A strong education is one where the student, teacher and parent all work toward the common goal of educating our children! We love being able to share them with you!!

Parents & Guardians, please do not drop children off at school earlier than 8:30am unless they are enrolled in an early morning activity like Morning Boost or Chorus. We have no staff available to supervise your child/ children before 8:30am. Morning Breakfast opens up at 8:30am in the MPR. Then students are expected to head outside to the playground area until the 8:50am morning entry bell rings.

Not to be a Grinch, but please remember that children should not be bringing any toys, electronics and stuffed animals into school. They often create an unnecessary distraction and are the source of arguments, theft, or tears when they are lost. Some of the younger grades have show and share time, so that is the only exception. Thanks for your help with this.

With the winter weather, comes the cold and flu season as well. Please be sure to remind your little ones to practice careful hand washing and to not share water bottles, etc. If your child is sick, please have them stay home until they are symptom free for 24 hours. We want to try hard to keep illness to a minimum!

I hope that each and everyone has a wonderful Winter Break shared with family and friends.

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Morning Clubs:

every morning from
8am-8:30am.



Clothing:

Make sure your
child is wearing
proper winter attire.



Bell Schedule:

8:30-Breakfast/
Recess.
8:50-Line up/Head
to class
9:00-Tardy bell rings

Winter Reminders:

Students must dress warmly and be ready to spend a 30-minute recess outside every day. District policy is for all students to go outside unless the temperature reaches -10 degrees F.

Dressing warmly includes: A warm coat and snow-pants, or snowsuit; insulated boots/footwear; and warm headgear and gloves or mittens.

According to ASD regulations, a physician's note is necessary to exclude a student from participation in outdoor activities.

December 11th: Student Council Meeting 8AM

December 12th: Winter Wonder Math Night 5:30-7PM Free Pizza will be provided from 5:30-6. All activities are free.

December 13th: Hot Chocolate Sales 8:30AM

December 13th: Gingerbread House Making 5:30-7:30PM

December 19th: Holiday Sing-A-Long 9:05-9:45AM

December 20th - January 6th: Winter Break

PTA Announcements:

PTA Meeting:

The next PTA meeting is December 12th at 3:45-5pm in the HeART Room.

Candy Grams:

We will be sending out pre-order forms for Candy Grams on December 11th.

Gingerbread House Making Night:

Building Graham Cracker Houses with the PTA- come to the MPR to build a little gingerbread house. Everything will be provided for the kids to decorate their house. **The PTA is still looking for donations of small candies in any shape or color. We expect this evening to be a huge hit!

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**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS!**

Bring your child to school every day!

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MAP TESTING

Map Testing begins 12/2 and goes through 12/19. We will be doing testing and make up tests until all are

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WINTER BREAK

Winter break starts December 20th and students return January

Nurse's Notes:

Facts about head lice:

1. Head lice are tiny bugs about the size of a sesame seed.
2. Head lice live by feeding on tiny amounts of blood from the scalp.
3. The bites from the lice can cause intense itching of the scalp.
4. Head lice are common and can often be found in school-age children.
5. Head lice are not a sign of uncleanliness or dirty conditions.
6. Head lice do not cause serious illness or carry any diseases.
7. Head lice are crawling insects that cannot jump or fly.
8. Head lice are spread through direct, head-to-head contact and by the sharing items such as combs, brushes, hair ribbons, and hats.
9. If live bugs are found on a student while at school, the parents will be notified by the end of the school day. The student will need to be treated and free of live bugs before returning to school. Students are not excluded for having nits (eggs).
10. It is recommended that parents check their children's hair at regularly. If live bugs are found at home, the child needs to be treated before returning to school.

Please see the school nurse if you have any questions or concerns!

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